

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 10, 2005 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

##### **Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 265, 2/7/2005; SB 327, 2/7/2005  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 265

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 265, Revise electrician laws.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:26           Mr. Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a04)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a05)

00:22:14           Mr. Jack Fisher, Assistant Business Agent, Local  
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00:23:22           Mr. Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen Association

00:25:01           Mr. Bill Bently, National Electrical Contractors  
Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:47           Mr. Rick Hutchinson, Hutchinson Electric

00:33:48           Mr. Joe Wolf, Corr Electric, Electric Licensing  
Board Member

00:34:37           Mr. Mark Kredit, Kredit Electric

00:35:37           Mr. Byron Roberts, Montana Building Industry  
Association

00:38:33           Mr. Mike Wilhelm, Mike Wilhelm Electric

00:41:59           Mr. Neil Poulsen, Building Official, City of  
Bozeman

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a06)

00:45:12           Mr. Bill Brandon, Pegasus Electric

00:50:59           Ms. Margaret Morgan, Treasure State Independent  
Electrical Contractors

Informational Testimony:

00:58:07           **Mr. Jim Brown, Administrator, Business Standards  
Division, Department of Labor and Industry**

00:59:36

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Ms. Jill Caldwell, Bureau Chief, Business and Occupational  
Licensing**

**Mr. Kevin Braun, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and  
Industry**

01:45:32

**Closing by Sponsor:**

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a07)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a08)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a09)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a10)

01:51:35           Break.

01:59:15           Resume.

01:59:17

**HEARING ON SB 327**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 327, Bail  
bond reform.**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:00:56           **Mr. Scott Restvedt, Vice President, Montana  
Bailbondsmen Association**

02:10:01           **Mr. Kelly Reisback, Montana Bailbondsmen  
Association**

02:11:30           **Mr. Earl Rowe, Missoula Bondsmen**

02:11:50           **Mr. Paul Jaro, Great Falls Bondsmen**

02:12:02           **Mr. Dave Crow, Belgrade Bondsmen**

02:12:23           **Mr. Rich Maciel, Billings Bondsmen**

02:12:42           **Mr. Billy Revell, Liberty Bailbonds, Billings**

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a11)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:13:23           **Mr. Sam Harris, Justice of the Peace, Cascade  
County**

02:25:31           **Ms. Alicia Pichette, State Auditor's Office**

[EXHIBIT \(bus33a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus33a13\)](#)

02:33:45           **Ms. Jani McCall, City of Billings, Representing  
Municipal Judge Mary Jane Knisely**

[EXHIBIT \(bus33a14\)](#)

02:35:24           **Mr. Don Allen, Montana Association of Insurance  
and Financial Advisors**

02:36:38           **Mr. Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
Company, American Insurance Association**

02:39:02           **Mr. Ted Clack, Montana Magistrates Association**

[EXHIBIT \(bus33a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus33a16\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None.

02:43:19

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:53:13

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus33aad0.PDF](#))**